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SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT

January 11, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R S:

Simultaneously with filing of the above identified application  
please amend the same as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Substitute the claims attached hereto.

REMARKS:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified  
application.

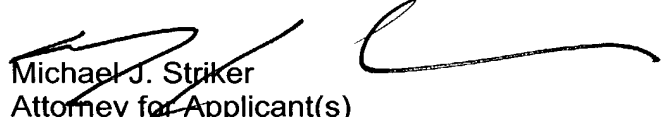
With the present Amendment applicant has amended the claims so as to eliminate  
their multiple dependency.

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Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## Claims

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5 stub (19) with an air inlet opening (40), wherein the intake stub  
(19) forms an air guide (22) and has a connection (25) for a  
further intake element (28), characterized in that an outer  
circumference (46) of the connection (25) has a central axis  
(49), which has a different direction from an air guide center  
10 line (52) in the region of the connection (25).

2. The cover of claim 1, characterized in that the axis  
(49) of the outer circumference (46) of the connection (25) and  
the air guide center line (52) intersect.

3. The cover of claim 2, characterized in that the air  
guide center line (52) is curved.

4. The cover of [one of the foregoing claims] claim 1,  
20 characterized in that the air guide (22) has a conical, stepless  
course tapering toward a center of the cover (16).

5. The cover of claim 4, characterized in that the conical  
course of the air guide (22) begins at the air inlet opening  
25 (40).

6. The cover of [one of the foregoing claims] claim 1,  
characterized in that between a substantially cylindrical surface  
(43) of the connection (25) for the further intake element (28)  
30 and the conical course of the air guide (22), a differential  
volume (67) is present, in which ribs (70) are disposed such that  
their envelope (73) has the same course as the cylindrical

surface (43) of the connection (25).

7. The cover of claim 6, characterized in that the ribs (70) enclose honeycomblike recesses (77).

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8. The cover of [one of the foregoing claims] claim 1, characterized in that annular-beadlike protrusions (61) extend over at least a portion of the cylindrical surface (43) of the connection (25).

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9. The cover of [one of the foregoing claims] claim 1, characterized in that a tube (79) or hose (64) can be secured as a further intake element (28) to the connection (25).

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